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WHERE PROTECTION IS NOT NEEDED.

Governor Clark of Alaska in his annual report, chides the government for protecting the brown bear of Alaska and other parts of its great territory. Now, notwithstanding Governor Clark's chiding, the brown bear is still a pest to the people of Alaska, and it is not a few other animals that have been badly mauled by it and that have lost their lives as a result of its activities, and that as a pest to cattle growers it is a constant nuisance, some of the papers are ridiculing the governor's recommendation.

The Chicago News says: "It is certain, however, that Governor Clark is a deadly earnest. He was apparently laboring under strong emotion when he penned his annual message attacking the moral character and personal habits of the big brown bear. Therefore it is proper that the government should take steps to protect the brown bear in the territories and to go to Alaska and study the accused animal at as close range as prudence will warrant."

Commenting further, The News says: "Fortunately, there is such a person available for the task. The president should not hesitate. Let him send one more message to Congress immediately after the holidays in which he urges the passage of appropriate legislation empowering Colonel Roosevelt to go to Alaska for at least a year to study the habits of the big brown bear in the territories and to bear a plentiful and third term bonus are unknown."

And after all what appears so ridiculous in Chicago may be regarded as a good thing, and the protection of the interests of the people of Alaska.

The Bulletin will bank upon Governor Clark every time.

AN OBJECTIONABLE STATUTE.

It appears that a bill has been presented to the Massachusetts legislature for enactment which aims to have made in the courts held in secret in the interest of public morals.

The cry for publicity upon all misdoings as a corrective is the slogan of these days; hence it is not surprising that this bill is being condemned by the press.

The Boston Post of Thursday said: "Apart from its relation to the Hichcock case, which could hardly be affected by the proposed statute to legalize star-chamber trials in the commonwealth of Massachusetts is something that ought not to be seriously considered. It is a bill to give judges the power of suppression and exclusion that might easily become unbridled if abused. Justice for the people, justice for the accused, demand the open trial. Here is public business of the most vital importance, and the public, who are entitled to know what goes on in its legal tribunals."

"As to a certain kind of evidence that may come up as a necessary part of trials, the recent newspapers of this state—and that repeats practically all of them—may be said to have been the only or the best remedy out of their columns. There is no need of legislation for that."

Our Dumb Animals. The monthly magazine printed by the Massachusetts Humane society for January comes to the Bulletin with a beautifully illustrated front page, making it as pretty as any publication in the country. It makes a fine present for children, teaching them love and mercy for all of God's creatures. Price 15c a year; in clubs, 45c; 50c; to teachers for children, 45c; a copy of the Bulletin commends it as a splendid means for any child who can read, and worthy the attention and support of all.

It does not look as if Norwich would have a glorious New Year's day. The Franklin square, and City Hall square have a relation which would seem to warrant improvement even at large expense.

Happy thought for today. Those who need no more to realize that a special thought, it may be, will come to them before the January 1st comes.

The new Norwich boys will not be harmed by the statement that the future of the city is going to be worth fighting for and fighting for, too.

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WHERE CARE PAYS.

The loss of timber every year by forest fires is being gradually reduced by the recognition that it is unnecessary. The lumbermen in conversation recently at Portland, Oregon, in their discussions showed that the annual loss has been greatly reduced by warden and firemen rules and regulations designed to prevent them.

In Oregon the fire loss was reduced by something over 50 per cent. last year. A state law makes oil-burning locomotives compulsory. In the logging camps cigarettes are tabooed; clear fliers, the flames of which are automatically extinguished when used, are provided. Greater care has come to be employed also in clearing away the limbs, or slashings, from the fallen trees. Once they were left about to dry and decay, causing thereby a swathe which has been responsible for the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of standing timber in past years. Now the law requires that all slashings shall be burned at a time of year, usually fall or winter, when the danger of the flames spreading is the least.

New England is still having too heavy annual losses because of the carelessness of wanderers and lumbermen. The law on the subject. This is a subject worthy the attention of any of our legislatures.

WHAT CAUSED A FUREUR.

It becomes a bore to be everlastingly protected and a little episode at the White house of a recent rainy morning shows that the presidential heart yearns for a little more freedom—for the real naturalness of life.

President Taft and wife planned to run away from the guards and secret service men just to be alone by themselves for a little while after breakfast. There was great excitement when they were released.

For two hours the White house was in a furore. Major Butt and Secretary Hill were distracted. The president and the first lady were missing and not a soul knew where they had gone. There was a driving storm, yet no automobile or carriage was missing. The dining room runways had not gone out the front door. And all the time Mr. and Mrs. Taft were having a royal good time in the rain, laughing like school boys and girls, and enjoying the freedom of the moment.

President Taft on more than one occasion has lamented because the secret service of official attention denied him many simple pleasures of life. He has said that he and his wife sadly miss these hours of leisure, when they find so much enjoyment in each other's company and in quietly visiting their personal friends.

The story of their little escapade amuses the country. It was an unusual indulgence, and no doubt they enjoyed it immensely.

WHAT CLEANLINESS ACCOMPLISHES.

The great American cities are carrying the virtue of municipal cleanliness to a point which gives them an edge over the cities of the world. Certainly the city of New York makes a great record in vital statistics for health. In 1910 the death rate per 1,000 of population was 15.96, and Chicago had a record with a showing of 18.32. This year the record so far has been 18.19 with every prospect of the final score being 16 or less. For a city of over four millions, containing one of the largest and most beautiful of any big city in the country, it is said, and for the single month of October last, when it stood at 12.99 per one thousand, it was as low as that of any rural community in the country.

This is a most flattering record. It shows what the care of garbage, street cleaning and persistent attention to cleanliness will do in the way of maintaining health in the face of ignorance and crowded conditions.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Christmas never has a bad look until the day after, and then for only one brief day.

Here is the real point—1910 nickels are worth \$95.50—multiply 1910 by 5 and see for yourself.

When men furnish names of the most important women "the cook" is not likely to be omitted.

Duplicates at Christmas do not disturb the small boy. He would sooner have two dimes than one.

What is there to taste? A blind man cannot tell the difference between roast pork and roast turkey.

When Russian ladies go to the opera they don't exercise the mercy she is supposed to pray for every day.

The Christmas cigar is one of those well-intended things which never get to be more than a bad memory.

We do not know whether Santa Claus is suffering from lame back—but many of the letter carriers be.

The Boston man who says women should do the proposing, is probably saying on the girls to do their duty in 1912.

The wise woman always manages to have a little money left for the bargain sales which so quickly follow the holidays.

It is easier to wish people a Happy New Year than it is to exert ourselves to make it as happy as possible for every one.

The citizen who rails every time the Connecticut company is mentioned is not aware we could not well get along without it.

The ten commandments do not suit some folks; but you may have noticed none of them has ever made better ones.

The time is likely to come when manliness and brawn will count more for a candidate for policeman than "intelligence."

When Edison's concrete furniture becomes the fashion, a man cannot take a looking chair home under his arm for a present.

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